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1. Kommandeur Erwin Engelbrecht, Chief of Operativ Abteilung, Hauptabteilung Stab, Hauptverwaltung für Ausbildung, is on detached service with an unidentified agency in charge of organizing of the Whitsunday FDJ jamboree (kommandiert zum Organisationsstab des Pfingstaufmarsches der FDJ). His original assignment was limited to the operative direction of the Volkspolizei elements in the rally. His unofficial position is Chief of Staff. While on this detached service, his position will be filled by Kommandeur Heimann.
2. Volkspolizei attendance in the FDJ rally is not to be confined to FDJ members but is to include virtually all effectives of the schools and the Bereitschaften.
3. The pro tem. appointment of Chefinspekteur Zorn to succeed Wilhelm Zaisser as head of the HVA is presumed to be a makeshift arrangement pending the return of police officials now undergoing training in the USSR. It is said that they will return in the second half of March. It is expected that either Bernhard Bechler or Richard Staimer will be appointed chief of the HVA.
4. Zaisser's farewell letter addressed to HVA personnel explicitly stated that he was leaving the HVA. This appears to be incompatible with the subordination of the HVA to the Ministry of State Security.
5. The first Brandenburg Bereitschaft at Kuestrin-Kietz has been ordered to evacuate the artillery barracks which it now occupies to make way for Soviet troops.
6. As yet there has been no activation of a naval unit. Suitable housing facilities are available in Stralsund, provided adequate funds for rebuilding are allocated.

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